

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Gellman et al.

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For: DEVICES FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE  
PELVIC SURGERY

Examiner: John P. Lacyk

**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Reply is being filed in response to the outstanding non-Final Office Action, mailed August 11, 2008, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request an extension of the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for two months under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). A Petition for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.